CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION 1416 NINTH STREET SACRAMENTO

CERTIFICATION OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

FOR THE DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION'S HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES PROJECT

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) is the Lead Agency for the Draft Management Plan for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Historic Buildings and Archaeological Sites Project (Project) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) addresses the potential environmental effects of the proposed Project, which would approve the Draft Management Plan for CDF's Historic Buildings and Archaeological Sites (Plan). The Plan proposes to protect and manage the Department's significant heritage resources, which include both historic buildings and known prehistoric and historic archaeological sites located on lands owned or managed by CDF. The Plan identifies 86 historically significant CDF buildings, and proposes a list of 29 of these buildings for preservation. 78 of the 86 CDF historic buildings have been determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR). The Plan also includes management and preservation strategies for 166 known archaeological sites located on lands owned or managed by CDF.

The Department released a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for public and agency review for a period of 45-days, which began on January 10, 2001 and ended on February 23, 2001.

The Final EIR consists of the comments received on the Draft EIR and the responses to significant environmental issues raised in those comments, and revisions to the Draft EIR.

The Department has reviewed the Final EIR for the proposed project in its entirety, as well as reports and memoranda by Department staff, and all evidence received by the Department, all of which are incorporated by reference into this Final EIR certification.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15090, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection therefore certifies that:

- 1. The Final EIR for the project has been completed in compliance with CEQA.
- 2. The Final EIR has been presented to the Department.

- 3. The Department has reviewed and considered the information and analysis contained in the Final EIR, as well as information contained in reports and memoranda prepared by Department staff.
- 4. The Final EIR is adequate for the consideration of approval of the Draft Management Plan for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's (CDF) Historic Buildings and Archaeological Sites Project.
- 5. The Final EIR for the project reflects the independent judgement of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

CERTIFIED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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